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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON
PORTLAND DIVISION

SUSAN SHUTT,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DANIEL N. GORDON, P.C.,

Defendant.

Case No.: 3:12-cv-994

COMPLAINT;

FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES
ACT (15 USC § 1692a, *et seq.*);

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer for Defendant's violations of the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.* (hereinafter "FDCPA").

II. JURISDICTION

2. Plaintiff's claim for violations of the FDCPA arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), and therefore involves a "federal question" pursuant to 28 USC § 1331.

III. PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, Susan Shutt ("Plaintiff"), is a natural person residing in Clackamas County, Oregon.

4. Defendant, Daniel N. Gordon, P.C., (“Defendant”) is a corporation engaged in the business of collecting debts by use of the mails and telephone. Defendant regularly attempts to collect debts alleged due another.

IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

5. Defendant is a “debt collector” as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

6. Plaintiff is a “consumer” as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

7. All activities of Defendant set out herein were undertaken in connection with the collection of a “debt,” as defined by 15 USC § 1692a(5).

8. Within the last year, Defendant took multiple actions in an attempt to collect a debt from Plaintiff. Defendant’s conduct violated the FDCPA in multiple ways, including the following.

9. Using false representations and deceptive practices in connection with collection of an alleged debt from Plaintiff, including agreeing to a payment arrangement with Plaintiff and sending Plaintiff written documents to sign that did not reflect the oral agreement. During the same telephone conversation wherein Defendant threatened to garnish Plaintiff’s wages, Plaintiff agreed to a payment plan for the debt in lieu of garnishment in the amount of \$50 per month. Defendant’s representative told Plaintiff that \$50 would be agreeable and agreed to send paperwork reflecting an agreement for Plaintiff to pay that amount in a stipulated judgment. Defendant prepared a stipulated judgment, but the amount it reflected was \$150, not \$50 as agreed (§ 1692e(10)).

10. As a result of the aforementioned violations, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer injuries to Plaintiff's feelings, personal humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and severe emotional distress.

11. Defendant intended to cause, by means of the actions detailed above, injuries to Plaintiff's feelings, personal humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and severe emotional distress.

12. Defendant's actions, detailed above, were undertaken with extraordinary disregard of, or indifference to, known or highly probable risks to purported debtors.

13. To the extent Defendant's actions, detailed in paragraphs above, were carried out by an employee of Defendant, that employee was acting within the scope of his or her employment.

COUNT I: VIOLATION OF FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

14. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.

15. The preceding paragraphs state a *prima facie* case for Plaintiff and against Defendant for violations of the FDCPA, §§ 1692e.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant for the following:

- A. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA;
- B. Actual damages pursuant to 15 USC 1692k;

C. Statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;

D. Costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney's fees for all successful claims, and any unsuccessful claims arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as the successful claims, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and,

E. For such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

PLAINTIFF HEREBY REQUESTS A TRIAL BY JURY

Dated this 5th day of June, 2012.

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